



The Wadden Sea is an area of Outstanding Universal Value shared by three countries. Since 1978, the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark have cooperated to jointly protect and manage the Wadden Sea as an entity. Nowadays, the Wadden Sea enjoys the highest level of protection as national parks and nature reserves



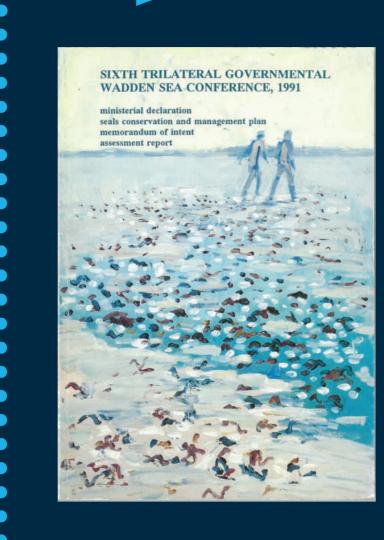
#### for the benefit of present and future generations.

#### Milestones of joint Wadden Sea Policy and Management

#### **1978** First Trilateral Governmental Conference in The Hague

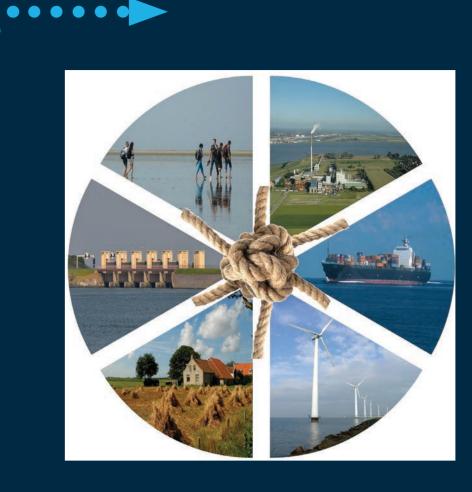
## **1982** Joint Declaration





1994

**1991** Guiding Principle and Common Management Principles



# 2003

25th anniversary Trilateral Wadden

# 2002

Wadden Sea Forum commences its work

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Netherlands. The Ministry of the Environment of Denmark and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany and Fisheries of the Netherlands, hereinatter referred to as the Parties, <u>MINPTU</u> of the Joint Declaration dated 9 December 1982 of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the Protection of the Wadden Sea and its implementation, <u>TAKING INTO ACCOUNT</u> the conclusions arrived at in connection with the Hague on 12 September 1985, have agreed as follows:

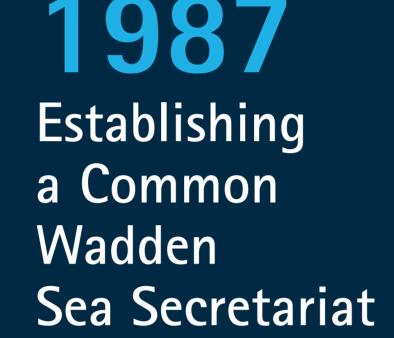
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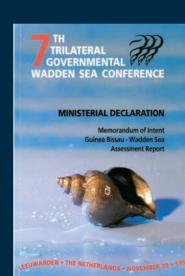
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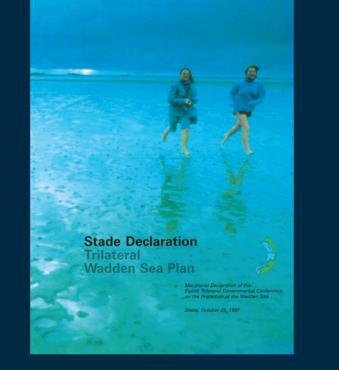


**1988** Wadden Sea Seal Agreement – first regional agreement of Convention on Migratory Species – CMS Sea Area and Conservation Area, common ecological targets, Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme

**Common delimitation Wadden** 

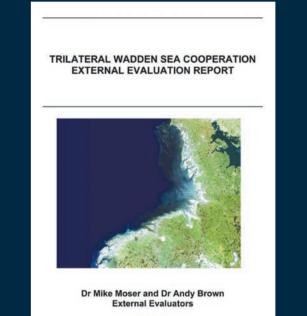






**1997** Wadden Sea Plan

#### Sea Cooperation



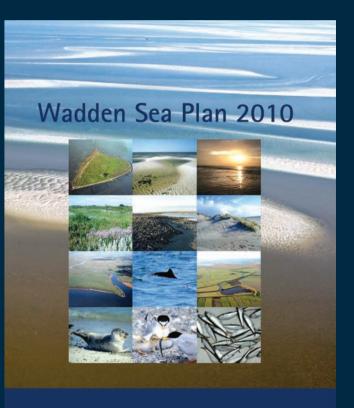
2010

**Revised Wadden** 

**Joint Declaration** 

Sea Plan and

**2007** Evaluation of the Cooperation



11th Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea, Westerland/Sylt 18 March 2010

**2014** 12th Trilateral





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Designation of the Wadden Sea as PSSA under IMO



Governmental Conference in Tønder



rom left: Sascha Klöpper, Gerold Lüerßen, Marijke Polanski, Jens Enemark, Anja Domnick, Harald Marencic, Folkert de Jong, Simone Goth, 2014

## The Common Wadden Sea Secretariat – initiator, coordinator, facilitator

Established in 1987 in Wilhelmshaven, the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat is in charge of the daily work of the Cooperation. It works under the Chairperson of the Wadden Sea Board and is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Board, prepares Task Group meetings, coordinates the expert network and



From left: John Frederiksen, Rob Uyterlinde, Birgitte Lenz-Ribbrock,

#### the TMAP, as well as outreach and communication.

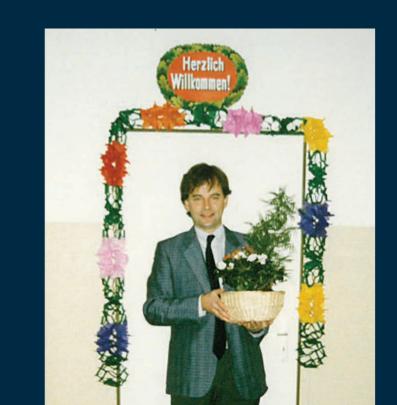
Marijke Polanski, Jens Enemark, Folkert de Jong, Bettina Reineking, 1994

### Milestones of the Secretariat

# 1985

**Decision at 4th Governmental** Conference, The Hague, to establish a Common Secretariat

#### 1987 Jens Enemark assumes work as secretary



1994 First issue of the Wadden Sea Ecosystem published – No.32 published in 2014

# 1995

Harald Marencic employed as deputy secretary, monitoring coordination



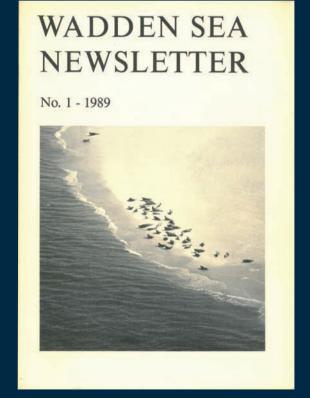




#### 2006 First Wadden Sea Day in cooperation with Lower Saxon

# 1988

First staff employed: Marijke Polanski, administrative and financial officer; Bettina Reineking, deputy secretary, habitats and species management



#### 1989 First Wadden Sea Newsletter published



# 1996

Gerold Lüerßen employed as data handling coordinator (LIFE project Demowad)

#### 1997 First website of Common Wadden Sea Secretariat



#### Manfred Vollmer employed



2003

International

Wadden Sea

School, Anja

Szczesinski as

#### National Park

#### 2008 First electronic Wadden Sea Newsletter





# 2011

Nataliya Drozdovych joins the CWSS as communication officer

### 2012 The CWSS becomes an independent legal entity

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as coordinator of the INTERREG project Lancewad and Lancewadplan

Three new staff members: Sascha Klöpper (TMAP), Anja Domnick (INTERREG project PROWAD), Simone Goth (administrative support)



Assessing the salt marshes. Copyright Martin Stock.

# The Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP)

The TMAP covers the entire Wadden Sea area and spans a broad range of parameters from physiological processes and population development to changes in landscape and morphology. It provides the basis for periodic scientific assessment of the ecosystem and an evaluation of progress towards the ecological



#### targets set out in the Wadden Sea Plan.

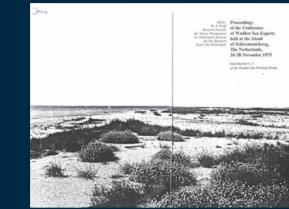


## Milestones of Science and Monitoring

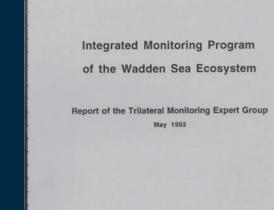
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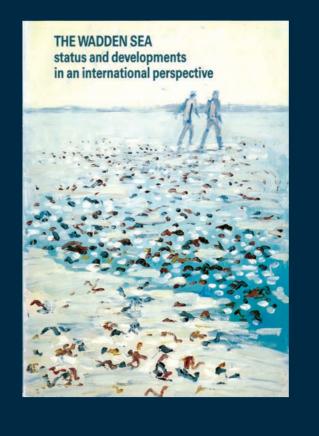
Establishment of an International Wadden Sea Working group of scientists

1975 **First International** Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium on Schiermonnikoog



1991 First Quality Status Report published

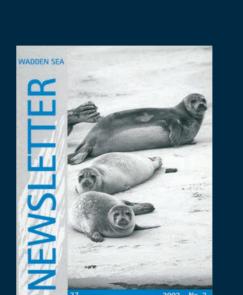


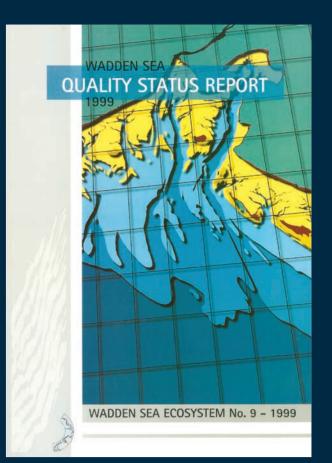


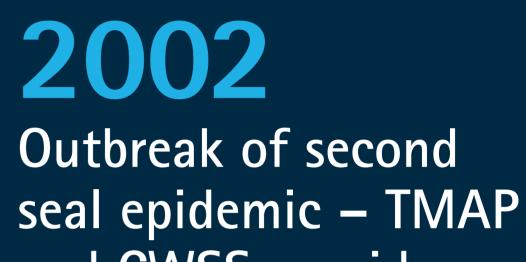
1993 Start of the **Trilateral** Monitoring



Third Quality Status Report published – first in the framework of TMAP









ECOLOGY OF THE WADDEN SEA EOMORPHOLOGY/HYDROGRAPHY

Ecology of the Wadden Sea – the first publication that compiles the scientific knowledge of the entire Wadden Sea

# 1988

Seals epidemic – CWSS as European information hub and delivers factual information

1988 6th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium on monitoring in Sylt

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Proceedings of the 6th International Wadden Sea Sympo-

# 1993

Concept of an

**Expert Group** 

DEMOWAD

Final Report June 1998

integrated monitoring

**Trilateral Monitoring** 

1996

plan for new

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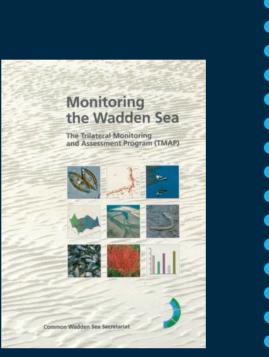
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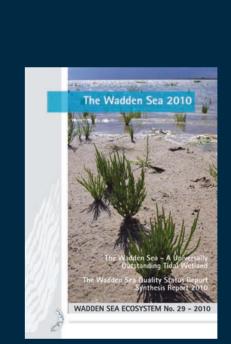
**Trilateral Monitoring** 

programme by the

**Project of Migratory Birds** 



### 2009 The fifth QSR is published



#### 2010 Synthesis Report QSR is published, summarises the main results and consequences for science, policy and management

and CWSS provide factual information on status of population

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Wadden Sea Symposium in Leeuwarden



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# The Wadden Sea – an area of Outstanding Universal Value

In 2009, the Dutch-German Wadden Sea was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List and extended by the Danish part of the Wadden Sea in 2014. It was inscribed for its globally unique geological and ecological values. Biodiversity on a worldwide scale is reliant on the Wadden Sea – a dynamic landscape with



#### a multitude of habitats, being shaped by wind and tides.



### Milestones of World Heritage and International Cooperation

# 1989

World Heritage Committee defers Lower Saxon nomination and requests a joint nomination by the three countries

#### **1991** Feasibility study (Burbridge Report) on designating the Wadden Sea as World Heritage Site – Ministerial

# 2000

Update of the World Heritage feasibility study (Burbridge Report II) validates that the Wadden Sea can be inscribed on the World Heritage List









World Heritage Committee inscribes the Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List



The World Heritage Site is extended with the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park

Conference, Esbjerg, agrees to pursue the issue

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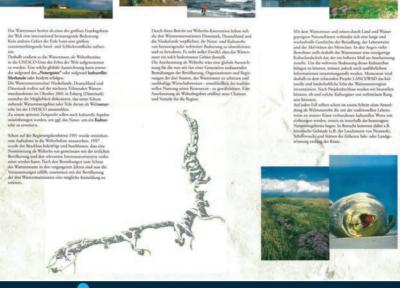
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**1991** Memorandum of Intent with The Wash/Northern Norfolk Coast (UK)

**1994** Collation of bird counting since the 1960s (Meltofte Report) substantiates the global importance of the Wadden Sea for migratory birds

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Sea Ministerial Conference, Esbjerg commences formal consultation on the World Heritage site nomination

Area as a World Heritage Site A Fealbility Study For the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation/ Common Wadden Sea Secretariat

Professor Peter R. Burbridge atment of Marine Sciences and Natural Resour University of Newcastle upon Tyne England 18 September 2000

**2005** 10th Wadden Sea Ministerial Conference decides starting the nomination process for the Wadden Sea World Heritage in Germany and the Netherlands



Nomination dossier for the inscription of the Dutch-German Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List is submitted to the World Heritage Centre in Paris in January and field mission is conducted in September

### 2012

Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative started on cooperation along the East Atlantic Flyway

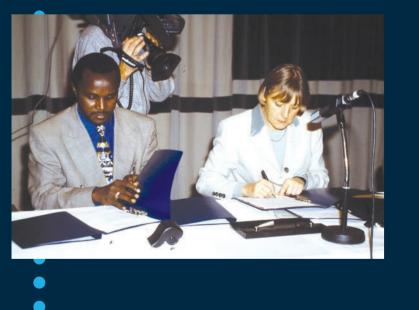






# 2014

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Banc d'Arguin on protection of migratory birds; signing of a Flyway Vision developed by the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative; adoption of trilateral strategy on 'Sustainable Tourism in the Destination Wadden Sea World Heritage'



**1997** Memorandum of Understanding signed with Guinea-Bissau on bird counting and capacity building



2008

2009 Memorandum of Understanding with Korea on tidal flat conservation and management

# 2014

Extension of the World Heritage with Danish part of the Wadden Sea and further offshore parts of the Lower Saxon National Park – One Wadden Sea World Heritage

